

RECAP
Auburn State Recreation Area Trail Usage/Safety Meeting
September 24, 2013 (next meeting: October 15, 2013)
Auburn City Hall, Room 10 • 1225 Lincoln Way • Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Meeting Attendees,

Below you will find a recap of the September 24 meeting's discussion. We hope you will be able to come to the October 15 meeting, 7 pm (City Hall, room tba). We also have a room reserved for a November 5, 7 pm meeting. Before the Oct. 15 meeting, please:

- Review the information about other parks user group plans in the booklet we provided you.
- Share with your organizations what you learned at this meeting and seek additional ideas.
- Send me (endurancecapital@ncbb.net) contacts for other user group organizations that you think we should include in our communications and invite to our meetings.

Thank you very much for your ongoing time and participation. We believe we are off to a great start to develop a plan that will make our trails safer and more enjoyable for everyone!

Sincerely,

Auburn Endurance Capital Committee
Cynci Calvin, Colleen Conley, Lisa Kodl, Robert Miller, Harvey Roper, Bob Snyder

Attendees: WS Safe Trail Alliance (Heath Wakelee, Donna Williams, Donna Furlow), WS Trail Foundation, Tevis (Kathie Perry, Phil Gardner), Placer Pacers (Don Ratliff), Canyon Keepers (Jim Ferris), WS Endurance Run (Tim Twietmeyer, Mark Falcone), PARC (Eric Peach, Gary), Mountain Biking (Jim Northey, Jeff Barker), Endurance Capital Committee members (Cynci Calvin, Colleen Conley, Lisa Kodl, Robert A. Miller), Auburn City Manager Bob Richardson, AuburnEnduranceCapital.com Webmaster John Mackey

Greeting and overview of meeting goals by Auburn City Manager, Bob Richardson: This included the need to explore options that will improve safety and limit conflicts of interest as trail usage continues to grow.

Attendee introductions

Suggestions/comments from each user group representative(s). They included (to the best of Cynci's note taking ability):

- Most of the Western States Trail is single track and must be kept safe for equestrians and pedestrians. Mountain bikers should not be on multi-use trails that are dangerous single track and that do not have a good line of sight.
- Having better communication about Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA) events. Odd/even day plans have merit.
- Look to user group success stories in other locations. Consider odd/even days, directional, and parallel trails. Consider using pilot programs to start.
- Important to consider the entire ASRA when seeking options.

- Very difficult to get new trails made; usage is connected to trail maintenance so having more users means more volunteers for maintenance; a plan will require give and take from everyone.
- Trail etiquette, interpretive information, trail maintenance and safety issues all need to be considered.
- Need to compromise to find solutions and use collaborative problem solving. Peer pressure within the user groups can be helpful; work as a community to develop a culture of proper trail usage, guidelines and rules.
- Informing users, signage and enforcement are very difficult to develop and finance.
- New head of State Park system may mean this is a good time to develop and submit plans.
- Help smooth the path to positive change by providing the ASRA resources and volunteers.
- Funding is available from foundations and other organizations.
- Need a common vision and state of the art communication.

List of challenges to moving forward as offered by meeting attendees

- Enforcement
- Sharing of Trail Maintenance
- Construction of New Trails
- Education/Communication
- Safety
- Trail designations
- Pilot program developed from inventory of existing trails
- Conforming to state regulations
- Saturation of existing trails by growing user groups
- Accuracy of data
- Entitlements
- Legislation updates
- Communication within User Organizations

Bob Richardson requested that Mark Falcone review the trail user group guidelines, rules and plans presented in the booklet we handed out and, for the next meeting, provide a list of items that could be applied to an ASRA user group plan.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting October 15 at 7 pm, Auburn City Hall, room tba

Tentative Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Presentation of recommendations compiled from other trail usage plans by Mark Falcone
- How to proceed
- Adjournment